

## Nomination Day Next Monday

Ratepayers Must Name Candidates  
For Council and School Board—  
Many Years Since Last Election

Five vacancies in Bassano's civic government bodies must be filled this year, and to name candidates for these vacancies nominations will be received at the Town Hall next Monday, Feb. 5, from 11 o'clock a.m. till 12 o'clock noon.

E. L. Skerritt, Dr. A. G. Scott and H. A. Holmes are the retiring councillors, having completed the two-year term of office for which councillors are elected. These three men have served on the town council for the past dozen years, and they have expressed their willingness to again accept nomination. The other members of the council are Mayor H. O. Bredin, E. P. Currie and W. S. Playfair. They were elected a year ago, and have another year to go till the end of their term.

W. L. Flanagan and L. Y. Birnie are the retiring trustees after two years on the school board. Last week it was erroneously reported Trustee Roy Smith was retiring. The name should have been W. L. Flanagan. Mr. Smith has one more year of office ahead of him. Both Mr. Flanagan and Mr. Birnie have signified their willingness to serve on the school board again, although Mr. Birnie did not particularly care to take the nomination and would prefer to stand aside in favor of a nominee who has children going to school and who has a direct interest in and is more familiar with school work.

Jas. Johnston, Roy Smith, and J. H. Stiles are the other members of the school board. They have one more year to serve.

Bassano has not held a civic election for a long, long time. The last voting day for either school board or council dates back a good many years—so far back that few can remember when it really was. Every year councillors and school trustees have been elected by acclamation, and the ballot box has remained hidden in a dark corner to gather dust on its lid and rust on its hinges.

The people's representatives have travelled the easy road of acclamation these many years, and it appears the same route will be taken again in 1934. The average ratepayer exhibits no special interest in civic matters, and annually fails to even appear at the annual ratepayers' meeting. Aside from the mayor and councillors, only one person appeared at the meeting last Friday night.

It has been stated the ratepayers are quite satisfied with the manner in which the council is conducting the affairs of the town; that if there was dissatisfaction the interest of the ratepayers would be aroused, they would attend the annual meetings and voice their disapproval on matters in which they did not agree with the policy of the council. Doubtless there is some truth in the statement.

## MAY LIMIT SALE OF FARMERS' WHEAT

Each Farmer's Production Over Past  
Five Years May Be Basis on  
Which Scheme Will Be Worked

WINNIPEG, Jan. 30—Reduction of wheat acreage by actual enforcement of Canada's wheat quota of 200,000,000 bushels through the medium of a selling quota for individual farmers is anticipated by many of western Canada's 300,000 farmers.

At meetings of farmers' locals in the three prairie provinces the wheat agreement signed at London, limiting exports of grain by major producing countries, has been the chief topic of discussion. Although the federal government has yet to announce how the quota is to be made effective, the selling limit, based on a five-year average, is anticipated.

In brief, the expectation in numerous sources is that the government will take the average production of the past five years on individual farms on a quarter-section basis. Through this medium the export of wheat would be kept within the 200,000,000 bushel limit, world markets would be under virtual control, and a higher and more stabilized price would be achieved.

A selling certificate citing the total which the individual farmer might sell is anticipated, with each delivery of wheat by the farmer to the elevator being marked off by the grain company agent when the delivery is made.

## ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Jan. 31—Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gellings spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stahall.

Mrs. L. Berger of Retlaw, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLeod, Wednesday of last week. Audrey McLeod accompanied her home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young entertained Mr. and Mrs. R. Eastman and family to dinner on Sunday.

Peter Krause made a trip to Calgary Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stahall and Roy Graham motored to Bassano Tuesday.

J. McHale enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. P. Gellings Monday.

Mr. Delekman, of Gem, was in Rosemary district on Tuesday.

Several carloads of baled hay have been shipped out of Rosemary. Don't forget the big dance in Rosemary Friday night, Feb. 2.

Misses Agatha Gellings, Pearl and Jean Eastman visited Miss Lois Ankrum on Sunday.

## Bow Valley Liberals Meet; Elect Officers

Officers for the Bow Valley branch of the provincial Liberal party were elected at a well attended meeting in Harvey Smith's office, Bassano, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 31. Dr. A. G. Scott was elected president; Dr. C. E. Anderson, Brooks, vice pres.; Harvey Smith, secretary. The executive chosen consists of David Nelson, Cluny; F. Y. Archibald, Brooks; D. Halley, Duchess; W. K. Webb, Bassano.

J. J. Bowlen, M.L.A., Calgary, attended the meeting. Mr. Bowlen was returning home from a visit to his ranch near Alderson. He thought it improbable there would be an election this year, and believed there would be a redistribution of seats before the next election. Bow Valley, he thought, would likely be affected in the redistribution.

## Wheat Problems In Australia

The Australian wheat growers are strenuously insisting that the Commonwealth and state parliaments should pass without delay the necessary legislation for the establishment of a board to control the sale of wheat, with power to fix a home consumption price for that portion of the crop consumed within the Commonwealth. Alternatively, it was suggested that the growers be guaranteed a minimum price of 3 shillings a bushel at country sidings for the whole of the crop.

The Australians have been much worried about the wheat situation. For a time Australian wheat enjoyed almost a monopoly of the Oriental trade, due to depreciated currency, but there has been an invasion of the eastern markets of Australia by Argentina and the Pacific states of the U.S.A., in fact a shipment of Hungarian wheat was sent from the heart of Europe to the Oriental market. Australia consequently looked with apprehension on the depreciation of currency in the U. S. and the bonussing of wheat shipments and also upon the opening of Oriental offices by the great grain firms which handle the bulk of the Argentinian wheat.

With regard to the International Wheat Agreement "The Land," official farm organ of New South Wales says: "Here in far-off Australia we are not as closely in touch with recent wheat happenings as we probably should be for our own good. Big events, vital events, have taken place in the last few months and they are still happening."

"Probably in a year or two when the smoke of battle has cleared away the world will recognize in the International Wheat Agreement the most revolutionary change that has ever taken place in the world's agriculture."

"The acceptance of that agreement by so many nations is the most striking feature of the whole business. For several years now the old order has been changing. Old standards have withered before the economic blast; old methods of trading have crumbled beneath the strain of a new and confusing set of circumstances."

"Out of the chaos that has followed a new order will be evolved and the wheat agreement is its herald. We in Australia must be prepared to adjust ourselves to the altered circumstances and adapt our wheat industry to the change which is surely sweeping across the world."

The Australian farmers are highly incensed at the Australian tariff policy, in fact expressions of opinion coming from Australia are similar to those frequently heard on the Canadian prairies. The claim is made that one of the worst features of the Australian tariff policy is that it not only raises internal prices against

## GLEICHEN ACES PLAY HERE FRIDAY NEXT

Gleichen Aces and Bassano Red Devils will clash in a juvenile hockey fixture scheduled for Friday night this week, Feb. 2, at the Bassano rink. The Aces gave the Red Devils a 6-0 lacing in their first meeting, but the Bassano boys have vastly improved since then and expect to make it more interesting for the visitors.

Warm weather and a wet sheet of ice caused postponement of the game between Hussar and Red Devils, slated for last Saturday at Hussar.

Saturday, Feb. 3, the local juvenile team will play in Medicine Hat.

## CROWFOOT NEWS

CROWFOOT, Jan. 30—The many friends of Tom Mullin are very sorry to hear he is ill in the Bassano Hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Miss Isabelle Wilson and Hughie of Gleichen, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Blake Robertson.

Several people from this vicinity attended the firemen's ball in Bassano last Friday night.

P. Holtan was a business caller in Calgary last Friday.

Mrs. Milton, nee Miss Jessie Ferguson, left last Tuesday for her new home at Hanna. The community extended congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Milton, and wish them many years of happiness and success.

T. W. Bickell has been engaged as teacher at the Adams Lake school, successor to Mrs. Milton.

Ernie Brookes and Bert Rose are busy putting up ice.

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## HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Jan. 30—The January session of the Hussar W. I. was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. G. Nelson with sixteen members and five visitors present. The new president, Miss Anna Hole, presided. A vote of confidence was given for the executive in their sunshine work. The minutes of the special meeting were approved. It was decided to ask the local U.F.A. to co-operate in future sunshine work. The program for 1934 was read and accepted. It was decided to save \$10 out of the \$32.40 to which the \$4.00 won at the provincial constituency handicraft exhibit, had grown, for a working nucleus, and to release \$22.40 into the general fund. Roll call was answered by a short talk on "What the W. I. Has Meant to Me." Most of the members had found it a clearing house for social, intellectual and benevolent impulses. Mrs. J. V. Elliott read "An Open Letter to the Premier." The next meeting will be with Mrs. H. E. Rollason on the fourth Thursday in February. The meeting closed with the singing of "God Save the King," accompanied at the piano by Miss Lois Nelson. The hostess, assisted by her daughters, served a delicious lunch.

Ben Snyder, who has spent the winter at Carmarney and in California, returned on Saturday.

C. T. Armstrong and F. Campbell, delegates to the U.F.A. convention in Edmonton, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Christensen and little son returned from a trip to Calgary on Wednesday, after a hard trip thru snowdrifts.

P. Barker, of Chancellor, has purchased the large barn belonging to E. LeGrandeur, and moved half of it out to his farm on Monday.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. H. D. Brown on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Messrs. McEachren and J. C. Lawton and Matts Jensen shipped hogs out on Tuesday.

The first of a series of bridge parties given by the curlers was held on Friday at the Rex Cafe, with cards played at nine tables. The high scores were made by Miss Lois Nelson and C. Kirby; the low scores were made by Mrs. E. J. Bell and T. Anthony. Lunch was served by the ladies of Mrs. Hawkshaw's rink. The next party will be held Feb. 9.

## Police Are Enforcing Motor License Rules

Owners Using Their Cars or Trucks  
Must Buy New License at Once

Orders to strictly enforce the motor car regulations have been received by the local R.C.M.P. From now on any person driving a car or truck without a 1934 license is liable to arrest for infraction of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The police also have orders to closely check the truck licenses and see that the vehicle is used only for the purpose for which the license was issued. There are three classes of truck licenses, A, B, C, and D. The "A" license is for commercial hauling on a regular route. The "B" license is for trucks used in a person's own business and also hauling for others, but not over a regular scheduled route. The "C" license is for trucks used within city and town limits only. The "D" is an ordinary farmer's truck license for his own use. There is also a special "E" license issued to farmers for grain hauling over a short period of time.

## COUNTESS NEWS

COUNTESS, Jan. 31—Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Benjamin were in Calgary Thursday.

Among those who attended the firemen's card party and dance in Bassano last Friday night were C. Hegy, E. R. Heldt, Fred Heldt, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Benjamin and Fred Sorenson.

The lumber for the C. C. kitchen is on the grounds and work will probably start on Thursday if the weather is good. The club is planning to have it finished before the next dance, Friday, Feb. 9. Don't forget the date.

Jean and Darrel Gamble spent the week-end at the Campbell home in Makepeace.

Messrs. and Mesdames Sluss, McIntosh, Gamble, Marie Chamberlain of Gem, Miss Marion McRoberts and Donna and Marianne Gamble were dinner guests on Sunday at the Heldt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Levesque and family and Paul Lugenbald went to Rosemary Sunday evening to visit with friends.

## Firemen's Night Attracts Largest Crowd In Years

Hall Packed With Happy Crowd to  
Celebrate Fire Brigade's Annual  
Dance—\$70 Raised for Needy  
Families.

The largest crowd the firemen have had for many a year gathered for their annual whist drive and dance last Friday night in the Masonic Community Hall. Many came early for the whist, and the big hall was crowded when many more people came in later for the dance.

The event was a splendid social and financial success, and the firemen are very pleased with the profit of about \$70 realized on the affair. Every cent of this money will be used to help needy families in the district.

Mrs. J. Storrance won lady's first prize at whist, and gentleman's first went to A. Stewart of Makepeace. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mrs. A. P. Thompson and John Clyne Jr. Young Harry Holmes won the cushion with lucky number 123, and S. H. Edwards won the 49 lb. sack of flour with number 66. The cushion was donated by Mrs. H. T. Johnson, and Geo. Warren donated the flour.

The Harris orchestra played for the dance and the crowd enjoyed a great variety of dances including fox trots, waltzes, two-steps, square dances, and a French minuet.

Many visitors came from neighboring districts to attend the firemen's big annual night, and Jas. Stinson, fire brigade secretary, listed in a little book the names of every guest as they entered the hall. Two hundred and thirty-eight names were registered.

The firemen thank everybody who helped make the affair a success.

## McLaws Will Play Two Finals In Calgary Bonspiel

Warm Weather and Heavy Ice Cause  
Postponement of Games—To Play  
Off When Weather Permits

Back from the Calgary bonspiel over the week-end, the Bassano rink of Wm. McLaws, Irvin Young, Artie Simpson and Robt. MacGregor have two more games to play in the annual curlfest of the foothills city. Warm weather prevented playing their games last Saturday. They waited over till Monday then returned home when high temperatures continued and the ice was covered with water.

McLaws' two remaining games are the final of the Alberta Pacific Grain Co. event when he will meet W. J. Morrison of the Glencoe Club, and the final of the Gas Company competition with Alex Coutts of the Calgary Club as his opponent. McLaws has already beaten Morrison once when he put him out in the semi-final of the Gas Co. event with a 10-2 score. If McLaws again wins from Morrison the Bassano rink also wins the grand aggregate.

McLaws lost a hard-fought battle to J. O. Stewart, Macleod, when he was nosed out 8-7 in the final game of the Macdonald Brier competition. The game was played on wet ice. Dr. W. F. Keith played third for McLaws in this event, Irvin Young second and Art Simpson lead. The Stewart rink will play the winner of the Macdonald Brier at the Edmonton 'spiel and the winner of this meeting will go to Toronto to play the rinks from other provinces.

## MARRIAGE

Miss Lella Marjorie Edwards, of Majorville, was united in marriage with Mr. Buster St. Clair Frances, of Martell, Alta., on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Presbyterian manse, Bassano. Rev. John Hart officiated. Miss Alberta Francis, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Maurice Edwards, a brother of the bride, assisted the groom. Among other relatives and friends present were Mr. and Mrs. Justin E. Edwards, parents of the bride.

## NATIVE SONS SUGGEST NEW FLAG FOR CANADA

Another suggestion for a distinctive Canadian flag has been offered, this time by the Native Sons of Canada. The top half of the flag is solid blue, and the lower half is solid red. A white star with nine points, one for each province in the dominion, is in the centre of the flag, and within the star a green maple leaf.

## High School Tests

January 24 - 30

GRADE 12									
Donaldson, Robt.									40
Gayford, Roy									4
McDonald, James									18
Scott, George									24
Stiles, Gwen									39
Ubertino, Dante									45
Plumer, Phyllis									2
Wilson, Pauline									38

GRADE 11									
Angell, Ellis									7
Barlow, Hazel									6
Bassarab, Russell									6
Beeber, Margaret									17
Cador, Pauline									5
Cador, Phyllis									32
Ford, Austin									44
Holmes, Harry									48
Johnston, Archie									9
Maurer, Donald									10
Playfair, Florence									12
Plumer, Ben									1
Pragnell, Dorothy									6
Stiles, Ted									4
Thompson, Fred									19
Wight, Christina									7
Ungarian, Jessie									11

GRADE 10									
Cawsey, Lorne	7								34
Easterbrooke, Yvonne	5								11
Harper, Margaret	1								12
Harper, Bob	8								28
Pearson, Dora	6								43
Plumer, Betty	3								6
Sambrooke, Lowell	3								22
Smith, Gordon	7								35
Snape, William	2								26
Stiles, George	10								37
Thompson, Vernon	2								14
Travis, Helen	4								13
Wight, Norman	9								21
Roberge, Dorene	11								41
Roberge, Irene	9								42

Grade 9									
Bacon, John									27
Beeber, Dorothy									20
Edwards, Jack									12
Ford, Douglas									7
Johnston, Betty									2
Johnston, Jean									9
MacBeth, Constance									4
Morrison, Daniel									a
Mott, Patricia									2
Smith, Jack									a

RUSSIAN 1933 WHEAT CROP  
OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED

The first inkling of the total production of wheat in Russia in 1933 comes from a preliminary estimate issued by the Soviet authorities. The crop totalled 1,021,000,000 bushels this report states. This figure looks large as compared with Broomhall's estimate of 960 million bushels. In 1932 the Russian crop was given as

753 million bushels. Judging by comments of British importers, the Russian wheat crop of 1933 is low in quality. Broomhall's estimate of Russia's wheat crop is 960 million bushels.

Children of Britain are turning from German dolls to toys made at home.

Some folks don't even like to get up to see the dawn of a new era.

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## THE BASSANO MAIL

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SHOULD GO CAREFULLY  
ON WHEAT RESTRICTION

Farmers in certain sections of southern Alberta have passed thru four lean years. They have toiled ceaselessly; they have fought drouth, soil drifting and insect pests; they have harvested crops too small to even pay the grocery bill, and their children have had to go inadequately clothed and poorly fed; they have sometimes gone out to the harvest field with the binder, only to return for the plow and turn under the dry, sun-parched furrow the few spindly wheatless straws yielded by the stubborn soil for the year's labor.

These farmers have toiled, struggled and suffered. They have held on and tackled each year's work with the hope of harvesting a big crop, paying off at least some of their debts, and getting back on their feet again.

These are the men who will be hardest hit if the proposal to limit the amount of wheat each farmer may sell is put into effect.

The wheat selling limit scheme is put forward as a solution to the problem of keeping Canada's wheat exports down to 200 million bushels in 1934, the figure arrived at in the world wheat agreement signed by the chief wheat exporting nations.

Canada has committed herself to an export limit of 200 million bushels. This represents a reduction of about 15 per cent. Some way must be found of keeping within that limit, and legislators are casting about for a way. Farmers organizations have declared against an acreage reduction. As an alternative, there is the plan of limiting the amount of wheat each farmer may sell. The suggested basis on which this limit is to be worked out is the average amount of wheat a farmer has sold in the past five years.

Consider how this will affect the farmer who has suffered from drouth during the past few years.

In this district the wheat yield in the past four years has been very light, with a fairly good crop harvested five years ago. The total yield for these five years is about 65 bushels to the acre, or an average of 13 bushels an acre each year. After deducting the amount required for seed, and a further deduction in order to keep Canada's exports down to 200 million bushels, the farmer will be left with less than 11 bushels which he will be allowed to sell off every acre he grows.

This farmer desperately needs a good crop to settle with his creditors and pull him at least part way out of debt. If he grows a 35 bushel crop he can sell only a third of it. This is not enough to meet his obligations. What will he do with the remaining two-thirds of his crop? He could feed it to livestock, but this might bring on a surplus production of hogs and beef and disastrously low prices. It is a discouraging prospect.

It would seem wheat restriction in some form is necessary. Nobody knows what measures will be taken, but if the five-year production of the individual farmer is used as a basis it will be unfair for the grain grower in the drouth stricken area. This man deserves special consideration.

## THE HORSE COMING BACK

Farms are returning to horse and mule power and everybody in the country will be affected by this trend, says Wayne Dinsmore, secretary, Horse Association of America. Until we in this country once more have horses and mules do the job they do best we shall continue to have a farm problem, he stated. The U. S. A. horse and mule population since 1920 shrank nine millions. The nation-wide crop land required to keep a horse is close to four acres. All told since 1920 between thirty and forty million crop acres were released from growing horse feed before decreased use. Today the horse and mule are coming back just as rapidly as they can increase in numbers. Horses command prices higher, measured in other farm products, than at any time since the hectic war-time record.

The use of animal power is the only use of land that takes it out of producing surplus cash crops. Generally speaking, this is the one way to keep land at work and still keep off the markets cash crops for home consumption.

## Dreams

"My wife had a dream last night and thought she was married to a millionaire."

"You're lucky. My wife thinks that in the daytime."

## Speaking of Ducks

Wife (pointing to highly priced hat in shop window): "John, dear, isn't that a duck of a hat!"

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## LATHOM NEWS

LATHOM, Jan. 30—Misses E. and Gladys Ross returned home Sunday after spending the past few days visiting Mrs. Weir in Bassano.

Glenn Stafford gave a jolly party to his friends on Saturday night. Thirty-eight people were present, and young and old enjoyed the games, etc. Refreshments were served at midnight.

The Lathom Community Club gave a community card party Friday night. Eight tables of 500 were played. Mrs. C. Powell won lady's first prize and Lewis Osterburg the gentleman's first; Miss Ruth Goudie and Harold Bingham were awarded the consolations. The ladies served refreshments at midnight, and the young people cleared the floor for dancing. Mrs. A. Smith and Mr. Erickson kindly played for them until 3:00 o'clock. All voted for another dance soon.

Mrs. A. Hood and Annie Iddolls returned from Calgary Sunday.

Mrs. R. Broadfoot, Mrs. M. Irvine, Misses P. Wilson, Patricia Mott, Lydia Zelenski and Eddie Howe of Bassano attended the party Saturday night at Glenn Stafford's.

The Countess hockey team defeated Lathom 2-0 last Sunday. Countess is coming over for another game on Sunday, Feb. 4.

## DUCHESS NEWS

DUCHESS, Jan. 30—The Ladies' Aid of the United Church will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Lyons on Feb. 7.

Mrs. Hanson, who has been very ill in the Bassano Hospital, is reported to be improved.

Mrs. Burke entertained at whist Thursday evening. Cards were played at four tables. Mrs. C. Sisson won first prize, and Mrs. Fred Sheldrake the consolation. Dainty re-

## Buck That

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PLANNED PRODUCTION

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—Chas. W. Peterson in "Farm and Ranch Review."

## Interrupted

He: "Will you be my partner—"

She: "Oh, George, this is so sudden! Give me a little time—"

He (continuing): "for the next dance?"

She (continuing): "to catch my breath. I haven't recovered from the last fox trot yet."

Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Dowling.

Mrs. P. Miller has returned from the Medicine Hat Hospital where she has been a patient for some time.

The Brooks and Duchess hockey teams played to a 2-2 tie on the local rink.

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**SEVENTH INSTALMENT**  
Simon Judd, amateur detective and William Dart, an undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth. Next morning the household is shocked to find that John Drane has been murdered. The dead man is first seen by Josie the maid, and then by Amy Drane and Simon Judd. The latter faints. Police officers call and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John Drane, makes the astounding revelation to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is not a man but a woman. Detective Dick Brennan arrives on the scene and commences his investigation into the mystery. Brennan questions the members of the household. Now, go on with the story.

"It's so good to have you here," she said, wiping her eyes again. "I don't mean to break down. I'm trying to—"

"That's the idea!" Carter agreed. "And now, look here, honey—there's a detective fellow out there wants to talk to you. Just don't let it worry you, that's all. He won't be rough; he's a nice sort. And we needn't go out until you're ready; he says he's in no hurry."

"I'm ready now, Bob," she said. "You'll come, Mr. Judd?"

"Sure!" cried Simon Judd widely. "Surest think you know. Detectives are the thing I want to see; I'm going to be one myself."

"You'll see a good one when you see this Brennan," Carter said.

"None better."

"That's the kind I want to see," said Simon Judd, and they went out to the veranda. Brennan arose as they appeared.

"Miss Drane," he said. "And this would be Mr. Judd? My name's Brennan as Carter has probably told you. I've been put on this case. I've got to ask some questions of you, Miss Drane, but if there are any you don't care to answer in a crowd we'll leave them until later. No, you men need not go; I'd rather have you here—the young lady is less apt to be nervous. Let's sit down; we may as well be comfortable."

"I've had the officers make a search of three rooms up there," Brennan said. "Mr. Drane's room—we'll call him that, or call her that—and the room Mr. Dart was to occupy, and your room, Mr. Judd."

"Suits me all right," Simon Judd said heartily. "Anything you do suits me; I'm going to be a detective myself, and the way you do it is what I want to see."

"We'll talk that over later, then," said Brennan after a glance at the huge westerner. "I don't suppose, Miss Drane, we'll find anything in those rooms that will mean anything although a man can never tell. I've talked to Josie and got all she could tell me, and Zella has told me her story. You, they say, were the second person to reach Mr. Drane's door. Just tell me why you were there and what you saw."

Amy, folding and refolding her handkerchief, told what we already know. "Yes; nothing in all that," said Brennan. "Now, have you personally any reason to think any particular person killed?" He pointed toward the house with his thumb.

"No; not a reason; not the slightest reason!" Amy declared with absolute positiveness. "I can't

even imagine why anyone should want to kill my—uncle."

"And so far as you know, there was no one in the house last night but your uncle, Mr. Judd here, Mr. Dart and the servants?" Brennan asked her. "I know," he added, "that you can't say whether others may not have come in unknown to you."

Amy's eyes turned to Bob Carter. "Yes, I was in the house last night," Carter said.

"About when, Carter?" Brennan asked.

"Late," Carter said. "After eleven and before twelve. Mr. Drane said he wanted to see me; he sent Norbert to tell me so yesterday afternoon—just before we went for the drive, you remember, Amy? There was no hurry, Norbert said; either last night or today would do. I rather knew what he had on his mind. I had asked him if I could marry Amy, and he had put off answering me. So last night I happened to pass here and I saw the lights in the library and I came in."

"Ring or knock or anything?"

"I went to the library door at that side of the house and knocked on the door, and Mr. Drane let me in," Bob said. "Mr. Dart was with him; no one else. I said good evening to Mr. Dart and Mr. Drane said we could go across the hall to the dining room for a few minutes, and we did. There's one thing I ought to tell you, I guess; just as we were going out Mr. Dart said, 'Now, remember what I told you John; I don't approve.' It was something like that; he may have said 'I'm against it' or 'I won't have it.' I was rather excited, you see; what Mr. Drane was going to say meant such a lot to me."

"Naturally," agreed Brennan.

"Well?"

"That's about all," Carter concluded. "We went into the dining room and Mr. Drane talked to me awhile. It was mostly about my prospects and what I was planning to do with my life and whether I would be willing to come to this house to live after we were married—Amy and I. He said we had best travel for a year, or stay elsewhere a year. After that he wanted us here. I told him that was what Amy wanted—it was the only reason she hesitated about marrying; she did not want to leave him. So he said it would be all right."

"I'm so glad, Bob!" Amy cried. "I'm so glad to think he was willing!"

"And then what?" Brennan questioned, seeing that Carter was hesitating.

"Well, it was rather queer," Carter said, blushing. "I thought it was rather queer then, but it doesn't seem to queer now—not when we know what we know now. He asked if he could kiss me."

"He did?" Brennan exclaimed.

"Not quite so brashly as all that," Carter said. He laughed and laughed, and said that if we were French he supposed we would kiss each other on both cheeks. I said I had been kissed when I was given my cross. "Then you don't mind if I kiss you," he said, and he kissed me. I felt—well, I felt sorry for him, that's how I felt. I thought, 'Poor old fellow! I knew nobody around here cared much for him, and he was getting pretty old. That sort of feeling. And now, when I know he was a woman!'"

"It's bound to come out now and again," said Brennan tersely. "A woman can stand only so much without affection. The very worst I've ever known came to it now and again. And then what did you do?"

"We talked a few minutes about when the wedding might be, and I said I would have to leave that to Amy. Then he said—"

Carter hesitated a moment but Brennan said nothing.

"He spoke about money," Carter went on. "He said he had made his will in Amy's favor and that he was leaving her everything he had. Then he said she was a good girl; he said very nice things about her and said he meant to give her outright a hundred thousand dollars the day she was married, if I did not object. I have nothing of my own, you know. He said that he thought, living in his house and having to be mistress of it, Amy should not be compelled to ask him for money. He meant for the extra expenses, the things I could not pay for. I didn't see anything wrong in that. I didn't see that it had anything to do with my loving Amy. Amy knows it's not anybody's money I care for. Then we

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shook hands and I came away."

"Through the library again?" Brennan asked.

"No; Mr. Drane let me out by this door."

"So you didn't see Mr. Dart again?"

"No; I went down the driveway there and walked home."

"You haven't any idea what it was Mr. Dart wanted Mr. Drane not to do?"

"Not really," Carter said. "It may be they had been talking over Amy and me and Mr. Dart didn't care for me enough to have me marry Amy. Mr. Drane and Dart were old friends—what they call 'cronies' almost. Or it may have been giving Amy so much money in a lump that Dart objected to. I don't know."

"But your impression was that Mr. Dart referred to the talk you

were about to have with Mr. Drane?" Brennan asked.

"That's what I thought," Carter admitted. I hadn't any doubt of it. I thought to myself 'What business is it of his, anyway!' I don't like him much, anyway."

"And now Miss Drane," Brennan asked without a pause, "have you ever seen anything that made you think even in the slightest degree, that your uncle was a woman?"

(continued next week)

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Mrs. Jas. Johnston was in Calgary last week-end, guest of her daughter Mrs. Alyn Johnson.

The Misses E. and G. Ross of Lathom were guests at the home of Mrs. Weir last Friday and Saturday.

J. J. Bowlen, Calgary, M.L.A., was a guest on Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. Sandgathe.

Miss Helen Johnston made a trip to Calgary last Thursday.

Geo. E. Stiles spent the week-end in Calgary.

The warm weather has ruined curling and hockey. Chitook winds and warm sunshine every day since last Thursday have kept the curling ice covered with water except in the early hours of the morning. Wednesday night the temperature remained high and no frost was registered. Practically all the snow has melted.

Perhaps spring has not yet arrived but the warm weather has induced school boys and girls to get out their marbles and skipping ropes. Hop-Scotch is also popular on the bare school playground.

The Bow Valley Teachers' Association will hold a meeting, banquet, and dance in Gleichen Saturday, Feb. 10. L. N. Whitehorn, Bassano school principal, is secretary of the organization.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Paetkou, Rosemary, on Jan. 27 at the Bassano Hospital.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thiel, Hussar, on Jan. 30 at the Bassano Hospital.

Thos. Mullin, of Makepeace, is a patient in the local hospital.

Mrs. O. M. Olson, of Iddesleigh, is a patient in the hospital. She underwent a major operation on Monday, and is now doing well.

Miss Susie Dueck, Rosemary, is doing nicely after an operation in the hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. B. Stitt, Bassano, is a hospital patient. She is getting along well after an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday.

**THE PICTURES**

"The Cheyenne Kid" is billed as the feature picture at the Orpheum Theatre Friday and Saturday this week. Tom Keene, Mary Mason, and Roscoe Ates star in this fast-moving western drama. Also the concluding chapter of the serial.

**Highway Guide**

A man from Birmingham, Alabama, was driving to Chicago recently. He was going thru the Kentucky mountains, wanting to get to Cincinnati for the night, and stopped to ask of a native the nearest and best way.

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